In addition to the above, CBI searched nine bank lockers belonging to S/Shri K.S. Sarma, Rakesh Bahadur. K. Kunhiknshnan. Dr. P.K. Seth, Anurag Mishra, Mrs. Marie Mascarenhas and Siddhartha Ray mentioned above.

Broadcasting of "Marathi' Newspaper from regional centres of Mumbai

† 1497. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a)whether Prasar Bharati has taken a decision to broadcast Marathi newspaper from the regional Centres of Mumbai which was being broadcast from the Delhi Centres of All India Radio for the last 50 years;

(b)whether such a step would not bring down the importance of the regional languages;

(c)whether the National and regional balance is not likely to be disturbed due to such act; and

(d)the necessity of initiating such a step now when the news in regional language are being broadcast already from the local (regional) Centres- at present?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that for bringing about improvement in the quality of news bulletins by introducing composite news programmes and to provide manpower in regional centres for operationalising 24-hour FM Radio News Channel, it had decided to shift 8 Indian language units stationed at Delhi, including that of Marathi, to the respective State capitals. However, the matter is being reconsidered after representations were received against the decision.

Publication of English Newspapers from Delhi

1498. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a)which are the major newspapers published in English from Delhi; and

(b) what are the names and other details of the owners of these newspapers

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.